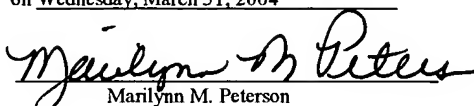


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Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.